

Hoover Commission Report on Overseas Economic Activities. - The President said he had just talked to Mr. Hoover, Sr., about the forthcoming report on foreign economic activities. He made the suggestion that perhaps more functions (the Korean program, for example) of FEA could be transferred to the Defense Department than we had previously calculated. Perhaps Commerce could handle the administration of the Battle Act. Sec. Dulles commented that the more we could keep out of State, the happier he would be, and Mr. Wilson voiced similar sentiments. The President then said that what we needed around here was a couple of bureaus. The Cabinet members were asked to give special study to this report as soon as it appeared.

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